

# AGRICULTURAL LAND CONVERSION STRATEGY



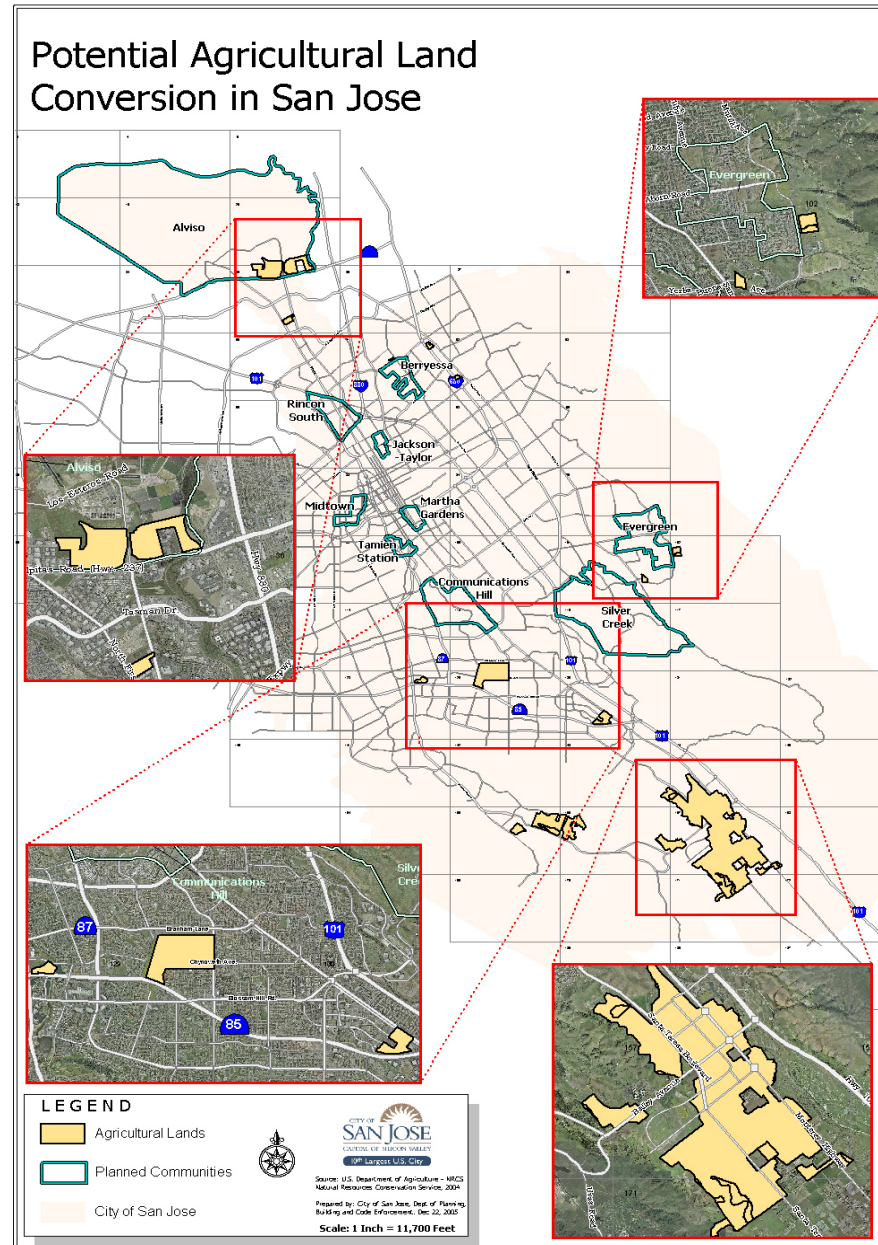
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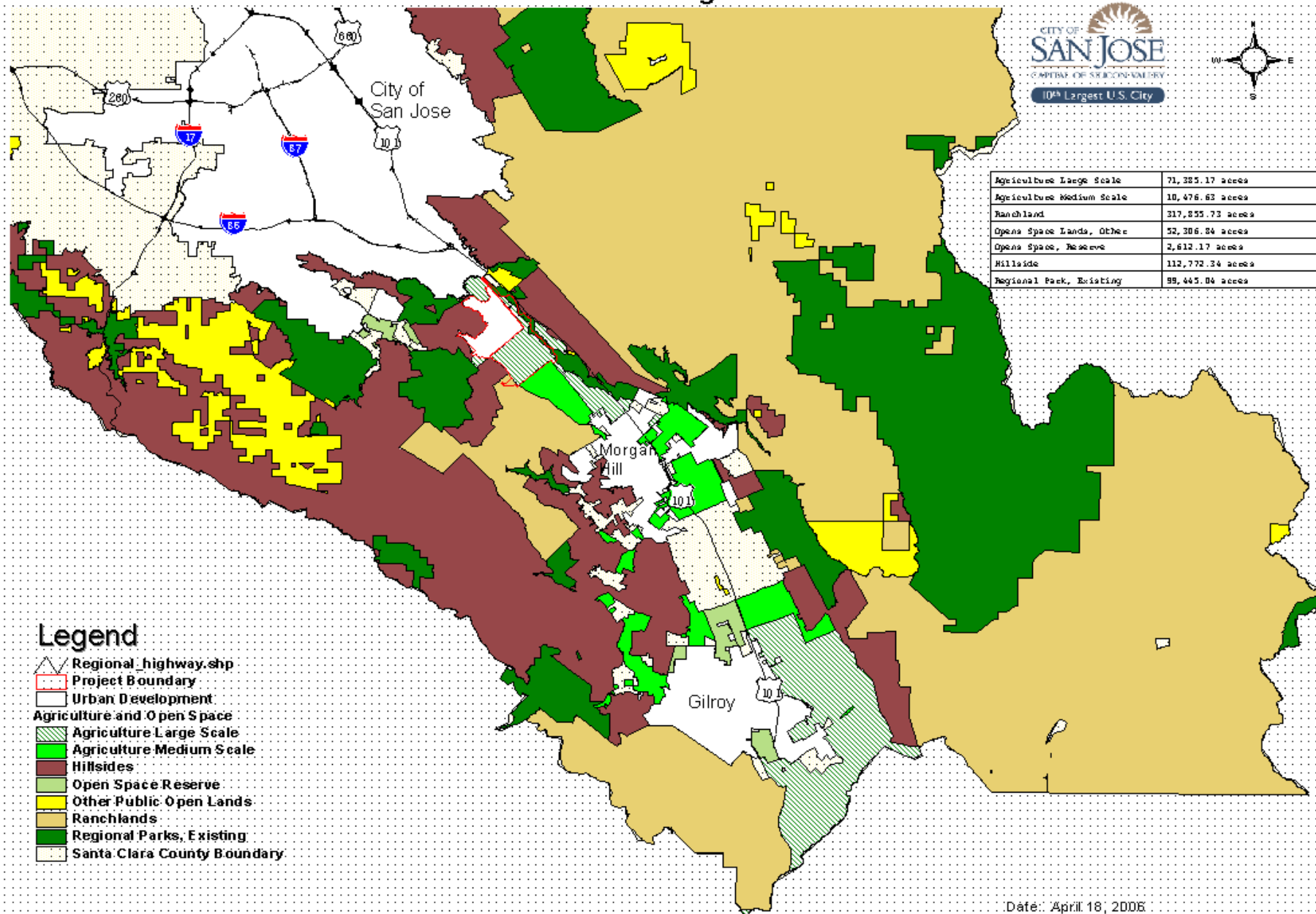
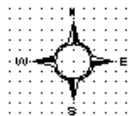
# Agricultural Land in San Jose & Santa Clara County



# COYOTE VALLEY SPECIFIC PLAN



# Santa Clara County General Plan Land Use Designations



Agriculture Large Scale	71,325.17 acres
Agriculture Medium Scale	10,476.63 acres
Ranchland	317,825.73 acres
Open Space Lands, Other	52,386.84 acres
Open Space Reserve	2,612.17 acres
Hillside	112,772.34 acres
Regional Park, Existing	99,445.04 acres

## Legend

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- Project Boundary
- Urban Development
- Agriculture and Open Space
- Agriculture Large Scale
- Agriculture Medium Scale
- Hillside
- Open Space Reserve
- Other Public Open Lands
- Ranchlands
- Regional Parks, Existing
- Santa Clara County Boundary

Date: April 18, 2006

# San Jose 2020 General Plan

## Natural Resources Goals and Policies

### **Agricultural Lands and Prime Soils Goal:**

- Avoid the premature conversion of agricultural lands to urban uses.

### **Agricultural Lands and Prime Soils Policies:**

1. Williamson Act contracts and other forms of property tax relief should be encouraged for agricultural lands in non-urban areas.
2. The City should promote the passage of legislation to establish Countywide or Statewide agricultural preservation programs, including the funding necessary for implementation of such programs.
3. Preservation of agricultural lands and prime soils in non-urban areas should be fostered in order to retain the aquifer recharge capacity of these lands.





# California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) –Responsibilities

- **Inform** the public and decision makers of potential significant effects on the environment from a proposed project.
- **Identify** ways to reduce or avoid significant effects on the environment by either incorporating mitigation measures or by proposing/analyzing alternatives to the project.
- **Require** that feasible mitigation measures be incorporated into a project with a significant impact.
- **Disclose** to the public why a project may be approved when significant effects are involved and cannot be avoided or otherwise reduced to a less than significant level (i.e., Finding(s) of Overriding Consideration).